

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:40 a.m. on March 6, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Christine Downey

Committee staff present:

Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Judy Billings, President, Travel Industry of Kansas  
Michael Pickering, Chairman, Governor's Advisory Commission on Travel and Tourism  
Ron Hein, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association  
Mary Lou McPhail, Director of Travel and Tourism, Kansas Dept. of Commerce and Housing  
Gary Blackburn, Director, Bureau of Environmental Remediation, Kansas Department of  
Commerce and Housing

Others attending: See attached guest list

**Bill Introduction**

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill (1rs1117) concerning certain special enforcement officers' eligibility for KPF membership. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to review of the minutes of the meetings of January 30 and 31, 2001. Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to approve the minutes of January 30 and 31, 2001. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**SB 293—Establishing state tourism advertising fund**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Judy Billings, President, Travel Industry Association of Kansas, who spoke in support of **SB 293** (Attachment 1). Ms. Billings noted that they believe that this is a rational and reasonable plan. She also distributed copies of the Market Research Study, 1999 Advertising Effectiveness Study, dated June 9, 2000 (Attachment 2).

Chairman Morris welcomed Michael Pickering, Chairman, Governor's Advisory Commission on Travel and Tourism, who spoke in support of **SB 293**. Mr. Pickering distributed copies of the members on the Council on Travel and Tourism (Attachment 3). Mr. Pickering expressed the need to promote tourism in Kansas. (No testimony was provided.)

Chairman Morris welcomed Ron Hein, on behalf of the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, in support of **SB 293** (Attachment 4). Mr. Hein explained that tourism is very important to their industry statewide.

Chairman Morris welcomed Mary Lou McPhail, Director of the Tourism Division, Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, who spoke in opposition to **SB 293** (Attachment 5). Ms. McPhail applauded the

travel industry for the attempt to increase the advertising dollars. She explained that the Secretary does not feel it is good public policy to set in place a formula for financing tourism. Ms. McPhail mentioned that the Secretary would like to make the recommendation that the committee look at an alternative method to gaining the advertising dollars by recommending a State General Fund appropriation for more advertising rather than earmark sales tax revenues for that special purpose.

Committee questions and discussion followed.

The Chairman thanked the conferees for their appearance before the Committee. There being no further conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 293**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**SB 294—Use of funds under chemical control act**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Gary Blackburn, Director, Bureau of Environmental Remediation, Department of Health and Environment, who spoke in support of **SB 294** (Attachment 6). Mr. Blackburn discussed the Chemical Control Act and **SB 294**. Mr. Blackburn mentioned that the KBI and KDHE believe the repeal of subparagraph (f) will clarify the purpose of the Act. They feel that with this clarification, KDHE will be able to support more state and local law enforcement agencies in cleaning up clandestine laboratory sites in a more timely manner.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Blackburn for his appearance before the Committee. There being no further conferees, the public hearing on **SB 294** was closed.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to pass **SB 294** as favorable. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris called the Committee's attention to discussion of:

**SB 8—Washburn university, operating grants, determination**

Chairman Morris welcomed David Monical, Washburn University, who explained the proposed balloon amendment for **SB 8** (Attachment 7). Committee discussion and questions followed.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the proposed balloon amendment to **SB 8** and to change the effective date of the bill from the Kansas Register to statute book. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to move **SB 8** favorable as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2001.